

Michael H. Simon, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Conrad Ernest Candelaria, of New Mexico, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

James Edward Clark, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

Joseph Anthony Papili, of Delaware, to be United States Marshal for the District of Delaware for the term of four years.

James Alfred Thompson, of Utah, to be United States Marshal for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

Mark F. Green, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Joseph H. Hogsett, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

4 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Sue E. Myerscough, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, which was sent to the Senate on June 17, 2010.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5867.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2011.

NEW START TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the National Intelligence Estimate on the verifiability of the New START from Andrew M. Gibb, National Intelligence Officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction, National Intelligence Council; Robert Walpole, Principal Deputy Director, National Counter Proliferation Center; and Richard Weiss, Chief, and Richard Trout, Deputy, both of the Threat Reduction and Monitoring Group, and DNI Treaty Monitoring Manager in the CIA/Directorate of Intelligence's Weapons Intelligence, Nonproliferation, and Arms Control Center.

ASIAN CARP

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal response to the discovery of the aquatic invasive species Asian carp in Lake Calumet, Illinois, after receiving testimony from Nancy H. Sutley, Chair, Council of Environmental Quality; Leon Carl, Midwest Area Regional Executive, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; John Rogner, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Springfield; and Tim Eder, Great Lakes Commission, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

INDIVIDUAL TAX RATES

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of individual tax rates, focusing on effects on economic growth and distribution, after receiving testimony from Carol Markman, Feldman, Meinberg and Co. LLP, Syosset, New York, on behalf of the National Conference of CPA Practitioners; David Marzahl, Center for Economic Progress, Chicago, Illinois; Donald B. Marron, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, D.C.; and Leonard E. Burman, Syracuse University Maxwell School, Syracuse, New York.

MARINE CONSERVATION AND EXPORTS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine marine wealth, focusing on promoting conservation and advancing American exports, after receiving testimony from Eric C. Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, and Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Mark Linscott, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Environment and Natural Resources, Office of the United States Trade Representative; Ted Danson, Oceana, Los Angeles, California; David Schorr, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.; Rod Moore, West Coast Seafood Processors Association, Portland, Oregon; and Tom Bastoni, American Seafoods Group, LLC, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

NEW START TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111–05), after receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, focusing on governance and civilian strategy, after receiving testimony from Richard C. Holbrooke, Special Rep-

resentative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State.

JUSTICE AGAINST SPONSORS OF TERRORISM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine S. 2930, to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, after receiving testimony from Abraham D. Sofaer, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; Richard Klingler, Sidley Austin LLP, and John B. Bellinger III, Arnold & Porter LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Evan F. Kohlmann, Flashpoint Global Partners, and Lee S. Wolosky, Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, both of New York, New York.

VETERANS BENEFIT CLAIM PROCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans' claims processing, focusing on if current efforts are working, after receiving testimony from Michael Walcoff, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Diana M. Rubens, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Peter L. Levin, Chief Technology Officer, and Joseph Thompson, former Under Secretary for Benefits, all of the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Linda Jan Avant, American Federation of Government Employees, Little Rock, Arkansas; Richard Paul Cohen, National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, Inc., and Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, on behalf of the Independent Budget, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5730–5740; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1515–1516, 1518–1519 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5381, to require motor vehicle safety standards relating to vehicle electronics and to reauthorize and provide greater transparency, accountability, and safety authority to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–536) and

H. Res. 1517, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5114) to extend the authorization for the national flood insurance program and to identify priorities essential to reform and ongoing stable functioning of the program (H. Rept. 111–537).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010: S. 1508, to amend the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321